

House Resolution 1766

By: Representative Anderson of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending The Lewis Family and inviting them to be recognized by the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family has long been recognized as an iconic group of bluegrass
4 gospel musicians with fans throughout the United States and Canada; and

5 WHEREAS, Roy Lewis and Pauline Holloway Lewis were united in love and marriage for
6 77 wonderful years and were blessed with eight talented children, Miggie, Wallace, Esley,
7 Mosley, Talmadge, Polly, Janis, and Roy; and

8 WHEREAS, a musical family, the Lewis children began playing instruments at an early age
9 and started their band, The Lewis Brothers; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lewis Brothers, which included Talmadge, Elsey, Wallace, and Little Roy,
11 played country songs and fiddle tunes and performed for square dances; and

12 WHEREAS, the group's first performance as The Lewis Family was in 1951, when they were
13 invited to perform a gospel music program for Woodmen of the World in Thomson, Georgia;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in the 1960's The Lewis Family made the family band their full-time jobs,
16 bought a bus, and began touring the country in the bluegrass festival circuit; and

17 WHEREAS, with popular recordings such as "Slippers with Wings," "Hallelujah Turnpike,"
18 and "Good Time Get Together," The Lewis Family is known for taking songs and
19 rearranging them with their special touch; and

20 WHEREAS, the group plays approximately 200 shows a year at over 50 bluegrass festivals
21 as well as at school auditorium shows, civic centers, fairs, and special events; and

22 WHEREAS, over the years, the Lewis children have been joined by other Lewis family
23 members to round out The Lewis Family band, including Travis Lewis and Lewis Phillips;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family has been recognized with numerous honor and accolades
26 throughout their musical career, including being inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of
27 Fame, earning numerous Dove Awards in the categories of Bluegrass Recorded Song of the
28 Year and Bluegrass Album of the Year, and being recognized many times by the SPBGMA;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgia family be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the exemplary musical career of The Lewis Family and
34 invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
35 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The Lewis Family.